

1 What is claimed is:

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3 1. In a blown film extrusion apparatus in which film is extruded as a tube from  
4 an annular die and then pulled along a predetermined path, an apparatus for  
5 startup of said extruded film tube, comprising:  
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7 (a) means for varying a quantity of air within said extruded film tube,  
8 including:  
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0 (1) a supply blower which supplies air to said extruded film  
1 tube in an amount corresponding to a supply control signal, and  
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3 (2) an exhaust blower which exhausts air from said extruded  
4 film tube in an amount corresponding to an exhaust control  
5 signal; and  
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7 (b) a controller member including executable program instructions  
8 which define at least one control routine for automatic and coordinated control  
9 of said means for varying during starting of said extruded film tube by directing  
0 a series of supply control signals to said supply blower and exhaust control  
1 signals to said exhaust blower.  
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